

ROTARY LATCH FOR VEHICLES AND THE LIKE

AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A rotary latch and related method include a rigid U-shaped housing defined by a base and upstanding sidewalls having laterally aligned strike notches to selectively receive a lock strike therein. First and second sets of mounting apertures extend laterally through the sidewalls of the housing at locations spaced from the strike notches, and receive first and second retainers therein to rotatably mount a latch member and a release member within the housing. The pivot axes of the mounting apertures are disposed in a mutually parallel relationship, and are laterally aligned on the sidewalls to facilitate mounting the rotary latch in both left and right hand latch locations.